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overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;

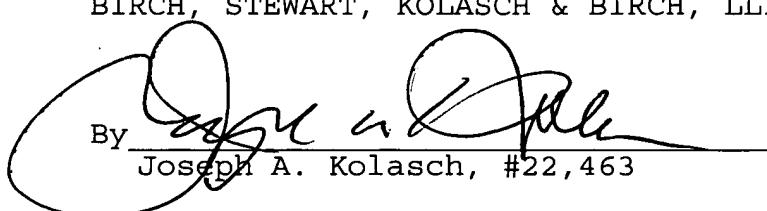
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particularly, extension of time fees.

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Attachment: VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

2. (Amended) A method for supporting energy conservation by using a computer for the purpose of reducing consumption of energy such as electric power, gas and/or water supply used at home, the method comprising the steps of:

calculating reduced portion of expenses obtained by both energy conservation effect of the installed energy [generator] conservation support device and energy conservation effect of an additional energy generator when installing an additional energy generator [conservation support device] having energy conservation effect of reducing energy consumption in a house in which the energy conservation support device is already installed;

calculating a payment amount of amortization payment for both facility cost of the installed energy conservation support device and facility cost of the additional energy generator when it is installed; and

comparing the reduced portion of the expenses with the payment amount and displaying the comparison result for supporting the decision of whether the energy generator should be installed or not.